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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Tsutae SHINODA et al.

Serial No. 09/654,894

Group Art Unit: 2879

Confirmation No. 7583

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Examiner: Mariceli Santiago

For: FULL COLOR SURFACE DISCHARGE TYPE PLASMA DISPLAY DEVICE

**REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED HANDLING PURSUANT TO MPEP 1309**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
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Sir:

The subject application has a U.S. effective filing date more than five years old, based on the string of parent/grandparent U.S. applications 08/800,759, filed February 13, 1997, now U.S. Patent 6,195,070 which, in turn is a continuation of application 08/469,815 filed June 6, 1995, now U.S. Patent 5,661,500, which, in turn, is an FWC continuation application of 08/010,169 filed January 28, 1993, now abandoned and Japanese applications, JP 04-012976 filed January 28, 1992 and JP 04-106953 filed April 24, 1992, the priority benefit of which is claimed herein under 35 USC § 119. The subject application therefore has an effective filing date as early as January 28, 1992 and no later than January 28, 1993, as much as over twelve years ago, and thus qualifies for expedited handling pursuant to MPEP 1309:

Special handling will be given to the following applications in these categories:

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(B) Allowed cases that have a U.S. effective filing date more than 5 years old.

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examiner shall print directly on the tag the recitation "In Publishing Division" and the appropriate printing category outlined above. The application is then forwarded to Publishing Division.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner implement the specified procedure of MPEP 1309 for expedited handling of the subject application.

## CONCLUSION

The Examiner's cooperation and expediting of this further matter are respectfully requested and would be greatly appreciated.

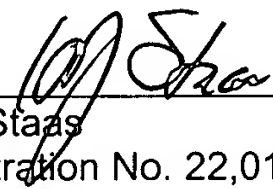
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